Statement

Rates of telephone calls in Urban and Rural Areas

(I) *Measured Rate Systems* (Where calls are metered).

(i) *Individual Telephone connections*:

Call range in bi-monthly period	Charges per call unit for calls in a bi-monthly period
Upto 275 calls.	Free.
From 276 calls to 2000 calls.	80 paise.
From 2001 to 5000 calls.	Rs. 1/-
In excess of 5000 calls.	Rs. 1.25
(ii) Local Public Telephones.	Rs. 1/- per local call.

(II) *Flat Rate Systems* (Where calls are not metered).

(i) Under the flat system, only a fixed annual/ bi-monthly rental is charged. No separate call fees are charged for local calls.

(ii) Local Public Telephones. 50 paise per local call.

STD Facilities in Maharashtra

3262. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV RAO JADHAV:

SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cities which are linked with STD facilities in the country;

(b) what is the number of cities in Maharashtra which are linked by STD facilities; and

(c) what is the present stage of linking Nanded and Parbhani districts of Maharasthra with STD?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) 566 cities are linked with STD facilities in the country.

(b) 40 cities in Maharashtra are linked by STD facilities.

(c) It has been planned to provide STD facility at Nanded during 1988-89 at Prabhani during 1989-90.

Activities of the National Industrial Development Corporation Limited

3263. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the promotional and other activities of the National Industrial Development Corporation Limited, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Corporation is also executing development projects and other assignments for various other organisations/departments; if so what are the details of such projects and assignments at present being handled by the Corporation; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the Corporation has taken a policy decision to give priority to the small scale sector to generate more employment and end poverty speedily under the new 20-Point Economic Programme, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) National Industrial Development Corporation Limited's activities include providing detailed engineering services and project management services etc. to its customers and carrying out techno-economic studies on their behalf.

(b) Yes, Sir. Details of some of the major projects being executed by N.I.D.C. at present are given in the statement enclosed. (*See* below).

(c) Where needed, N.I.D.C. engages the services of suitable suppliers and contractors inclusive of vendors in the small scale sector and small entrepreneurs.

Statement

Details of some of the major projects presently under execution by N.I.D.C. Ltd.

(1) Rendering detailed Engineering and Construction Management Services